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Mail Stop Amendment Group Art Unit: 2872

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LIGHT INTERCEPTING APPARATUS OF LENS BARREL

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Request for Extension of Time.
- No additional fee is required.

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C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3)).

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of March 23, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 23, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listed of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.